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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS NO. 818876185517

Mr. Rick Lanham
Bureau of Land, Federal Site Remediation Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: The Sherwin-Williams Company Response to The State of Illinois' Information
Request Regarding the Hillsboro/Eagle Pitcher Site

Dear Mr. Lanham:

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding the above site. Sherwin-Williams has conducted a reasonable search, and has provided answers and documentation believed to be responsive to your request. However, Sherwin-Williams, in providing such information, does not waive any privileges or defenses and asserts any and all claims, including privileged and confidential, as well as any and all defenses to these responses.

Sincerely,

Donald J. McConnell
Corporate Environmental Counsel

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- 1) Donald J. McConnell provided answers based on information and belief for the respondent.
- 2) The following people were consulted in the preparation of the response: Dr. Gordon Kuntz and Cheryl Rampelt.
- 3) No response is necessary as this statement does not require a response, but is merely an instruction.
- 4) The Hillsboro facility did not have a RCRA identification number because this facility did not generate, store, treat or dispose of any hazardous waste.
- 5) Sherwin-Williams owned this facility from late November, 1980 until March of 1984. Ken Haber, David Lewis and Les Roemelin were involved in the operation of the site.
- 6) See enclosed.
- 7) See enclosed.
- 8) Sherwin-Williams sold the property to TL Diamond in March of 1984. Sherwin-Williams, from time to time, purchased product from TL Diamond.
- 9) See Asset Purchase Agreement between The Sherwin-Williams Company and Eagle Picher Industries.
- 10) Sherwin-Williams has no information to respond to this request.
- 11) Sherwin-Williams has no information to respond to this request.
- 12) In response to this question and its subparts, Sherwin-Williams has enclosed the documents it has discovered.
- 13) In response to this question and its subparts Sherwin-Williams has enclosed the documents it has discovered, and further states that no waste was ever brought to this site.
- 14) In response to this question and its subparts, Sherwin-Williams has enclosed the documents discovered. Sherwin-Williams further states that raw materials and product were stored at the facility, but no waste was brought on site or stored on site.
- 15) In response to this request and its subparts, Sherwin-Williams has supplied the documents discovered. Sherwin-Williams has not discovered any other information about prior owners.
- 16) In response to this question and its subparts, Sherwin-Williams asserts that it has enclosed these relevant documents, and that State should have a file with all documents on this site.
- 17) In response to this question and its subparts, Sherwin-Williams has not identified any information regarding any spills or releases of any hazardous material, at or from the facility.
- 18) See response to question 17.
- 19) In response to this question and all its subparts, Sherwin-Williams states that it has enclosed the documents discovered regarding the site, and asserts that this facility did not generate, store or dispose of any hazardous waste.
- 20) Sherwin-Williams asserts that, to the extent any hazardous substance or waste is discovered at the facility, it could only be the result of the acts of Eagle Picher or TL Diamond Company.

- 21) See response to question 22 and enclosed documents.
- 22) See response to question 5 and enclosed documents.
- 23) Sherwin-Williams has enclosed documents to this question, but has been unable to identify any information to confirm that any hazardous substances were disposed at the site.
- 24) Sherwin-Williams has not identified any information that would indicate any knowledge existed with respect to hazardous substance disposed of at the facility.
- 25) In response to this question, Sherwin-Williams has enclosed a copy of its Annual Report and further states that there are no environmental insurance policies applicable to this site.
- 26) (There is no question 26 set forth in questionnaire.)
- 27) See response to No. 25.
- 28) See response to No. 25.
- 29) Sherwin-Williams asserts that it has not discovered any information that any release or threat of release occurred during its ownership. The current owner may be a responsible party in the release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances at the site.
- 30) See response to No. 25.
- 31) See response to No. 25.
- 32) Sherwin-Williams believes that the State of Illinois and TL Diamond Company may be able to provide more detailed information regarding this site.
- 33) See response to question 32. Sherwin-Williams also believes that employees of Eagle Picher, such as Morris Dodd and John Wade, may have additional information.

Sherwin-Williams owned the above facility for a very short time and during its ownership did not generate, treat, store or dispose of any hazardous waste at the facility. If additional information is discovered, Sherwin-Williams will forward same to your attention. Please call me if you have any questions or comments. All future correspondence should be sent directly to my attention.

Sincerely,


Donald J. McConnell



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Sherwin-Williams Chemical Company
(Hillsboro, Montgomery County)

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Wastewater Runoff Discharge
Sampling Surveys

Mr. Dave Lewis, Site Manager
Sherwin-Williams Chemical Company
East Highway 16
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On September 22 and November 19, 1981, and March 23, 1982, Engineer Timothy R. Kluge representing this Agency conducted surveys of your plant site in Hillsboro, Illinois. You and Mr. Rich Mulcahy were contacted during the March 23 visit; Mr. Pete Meehan was contacted on September 22 and March 23. Based on these surveys and a review of our files, the following apparent violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act or the Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations, Chapter 3, "Water Pollution", are noted:

1. Runoff from the plant site, discharging from a pond near the west edge of the site, was found to cause or contribute to violations of the water quality standards for iron, lead, zinc, and copper based on November 19 sampling, and standards for iron and zinc based on March 23 sampling, in violation of Rule 203(f) of Chapter 3 and Section 12(a) of the Act. Sample results are attached for your reference.
2. The pond on your plant site and the unnamed stream tributary to the Middle Fork of Shoal Creek, downstream of the pond, contained orange colored deposits, apparently the result of precipitated iron compounds, in violation of Rule 203(a) of Chapter 3 and Section 12(a) of the Act.
3. Zinc smelting residue (zinc clinker) is present on the plant site so as to constitute a water pollution hazard, in violation of Section 12(d) of the Act.

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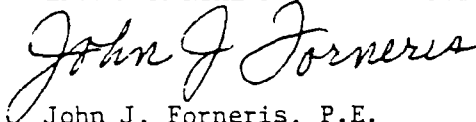
The above apparent violations should be corrected as soon as possible. You were previously notified by this Agency's Division of Land Pollution Control of similar water quality violations. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

In an effort to assist you in developing a program to correct these violations, we suggest that a meeting be scheduled to discuss possible solutions. Should you agree that such a meeting is desirable, please contact this office to schedule a date.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, feel free to contact this office at any time.

Very truly yours,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Forneris".

John J. Forneris, P.E.
Manager, Region V Springfield
Division of Water Pollution Control

Enclosures